

# CLERGY RESIDENCE STANDARDS

## 1. Planning Guidelines

The Buildings and Faculties use the following "benchmark" when considering plans for new residences or the upgrading of existing residences.

The residence should include as far as possible:

4 Bedrooms
1 ½ or 2 bathrooms
A Study (12sqm with a minimum of 3 m wide)
Lounge room
Family room
Kitchen
Laundry
Double garage (preferably constructed as part of the residence and made of the same materials)

In planning clergy residences, particular attention should be given to separating the bedrooms and family living areas from the "public" areas such as the study and lounge room. If possible, there should be separate external access to the study.

The use of an architect is required. Further details and sample plans of residences recently approved may be obtained from the Diocesan Property Manager.

## 2. Furnishings and Fittings

Bishop-in-Council has specified that the following furnishings and amenities be provided by each parish or district for the residences of stipendiary clergy:

- a fenced area for the safety of children and for Rectory privacy;
- insect screenings on doors and windows and exterior openings such as chimneys;
- garage, or at least a carport with lock-up shed for tools, garden implements and storage space;
- rotary clothes hoist or other clothes line;
- digital television antenna;
- septic tank where sewerage is not available;
- appropriate fire protection equipment, properly maintained;
- floor coverings (carpet throughout except that the kitchen floor should have either kitchen carpet or hard coverings, and the laundry and bathroom(s) should have hard coverings);
- all windows to have curtains or drapes;
- built-in linen cupboard (recommended minimum dimensions 1.8 metres high, 1.8 metres wide, 0.6 metres deep);
- all bedrooms to have built-in wardrobes (recommended dimensions 1.8 metres high, 1.8 metres wide, 0.6 metres deep) with drawers or shelves if requested;
- light fittings in all rooms;
- adequate refrigerator;
- modern fixtures and appliances in kitchen, bathroom and laundry, including hot water system and washing machine;
- study furniture (a suggested minimum: bookshelves, large filing cabinet, cupboard space for robes and other equipment); and
- adequate heating in all living areas.